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PHOTO BY Kyle Todecheene

It's not hard to see there's something special about Cache Valley this time of year. In honor of the fall season, on the front page of this issue the managers of the Statesman have shared what we love most about autumn. Check out page 3 for a story about one of the many farms here in the valley. Page 4 has some fall date ideas, a collection of albums for the fall season and a look at the history of the pumpkin spice craze (it's older than you think!) And on pages 6 and 7 you'll find a photo gallery showcasing just how beautiful our valley is. We hope you'll enjoy our celebration of all that Cache Valley has to offer in the fall.

Thomas Sorenson, Managing Editor:

"I love the changing leaves, when the air is crisp, football, basketball and playoff baseball. Halloween, Thanksgiving, corn mazes and hot chocolate." @tomcat340

Mark Bell, Photo Manager:

"Cuddle weather." @typical_mark_

Parker Atkinson, Video Manager:

"Outerwear game, yo. Bring on the peacoats, the scarves, the boots, the gloves. Layering and accessorizing like a pro. I love the wonderful crispness in the autumn air that demands such stylish fashion. It's cold, but refreshingly so, still nice to be outside in." @p4rkeratkinson

Logan Jones, Sports Content Manager:

"Chocolate chip pumpkin bread, cuddle weather, October baseball. The endless string of summer weddings finally ends, and the last month of breathable air in the valley. Most freshmen have learned they don't run this school, and 55 and partly cloudy is perfect running weather." @Logantj

Melanie Fenstermaker, News Content Manager:

"Crispy local apples, crunchy colorul leaves, warm farm-pressed cider and cuddle weather make fall the BEST season in Logan." @mcfenstermaker

Richard Poll, Student Life Content Manager:

"Colors, clothes, food, weather. Mazes, pumpkins, halloween, food. I think I said food twice." @Richard_Poll

Morgan Pratt Robinson, Opinion Content Manager:

"This is halloween, double double toil and trouble: Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary... Ichabod was horror-struck on perceiving that he was headless... He was very pale and his eyes seemed bulging out as, half in terror and half in amazement... All the night-tide, I lie down by the side of my bride, in her sepulchre there by the sea." @MorganPRObinson



PHOTO BY Matt Halton



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Logan gets its pride

By Jackson Murphy

NEWS WRITER

Provo had one. So did Ogden. And Salt Lake City, which was first.

And now — edging on 40 years after the state’s first LGBT pride festival — Logan is the latest college town to get its pride. Saturday will mark the first annual Logan Pride Festival. The free festival, which is being billed as a family event, will coincide with the Logan Block Film & Art Festival and will feature music, food trucks, politicians, an interfaith service and an art stroll.

This past summer, in Utah’s capital city, the Utah Pride Festival broke its attendance record, with an estimated 54,000 participants. The growing festival, which was once a counterculture celebration in a city where the skyline is dominated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints’ headquarters, now finds itself with an openly gay mayor and the 7th highest percentage of people who identify as LGBT in the United States, according to the most recent Gallup poll.

Logan Pride Festival’s director, Turner Bitton, said it was a conversation at this past summer’s Utah Pride Festival that eventually snowballed into a meeting in July and a festival in October.

“What spurred the conversation was Logan had several suicides,” Bitton said. “We don’t know for sure, but we suspect they were LGBT. A lot of folks feel lost. We wanted to show that we have a vibrant community and that LGBT folks are happy and healthy and have families and friends and really celebrate that in Cache Valley.”

Oct. 14, just a few days after this year’s festival, will mark one year since a local transgender woman made national headlines with her suicide and a final plea in the form of a



Facebook post.

“From a very young age, I was told that people like me are freaks and abominations, that we are sick in the head and society hates us,” Ashley Hallstrom, 26, wrote. “This made me hate who I was. I tried so hard to be just like everyone else but this isn’t something you can change. I can’t stand to live another day, so I’m committing suicide. Please share my final words. I believe my last words can help make the change that society needs to make so one day there will be no others like me.”

After updating her profile picture and writing the post, Hallstrom made her way to U.S. Highway 89/91 in south Logan where she walked into traffic.

The interfaith service, which will have representatives from seven different faiths, includes a candlelight memorial for victims of violence, those who have committed suicide and community members that have died from natural causes.

But Doree Burt, the interfaith service director, said the overarching theme is rejoicing and finding comfort in the community.

“If people come, they’ll realize there is no ‘us’ and ‘them’ — there is just all of us,” she said.

Bitton said the festival will provide an opportunity for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community to celebrate itself, but, more importantly, to build community.

“The goal is to bring people together,” Bitton said. “A lot of people have never been to a pride festival. This is a good opportunity for them to interact.”

Carol Gnade, the executive director of the Utah Pride Center, said she was excited to hear about the Beehive State’s newest pride festival.

“I think it’s wonderful,” she said. “That’s the dream — to spread the freedom to be yourself and share the light of our progress. I’m really happy to see that freedom is spreading.”

Organizers said the event coincides with Logan’s annual film and art festival so festival-goers can walk seamlessly between the two events.

Mason Johnson, the lead producer of The Block Film & Art Festival, said the two were easily combined and the inclusion of LGBT films was an obvious opportunity for cross-over between the events.

“Our festival is about independent expression and creative vision,” he said. “That is a natural fit to the pride festival agenda. It’s all about expression through pride.”

The pride festival’s vendors and participating organizations will come from across the Cache Valley and the state, including the Utah Pride Center and Equality Utah.

With election season just weeks away, Bitton said, you can expect booths from politicians as well.

“Candidates are coming that want to reach out to people,” he said. “They’ll have booths and eventually we’ll invite them to introduce themselves and speak while they’re there.”

Two big Utah names are going to be showing up.

Mike Weinholtz, Utah’s Democratic gubernatorial nominee, will be making his way back up to Logan with a booth — less than two weeks after debating Gov. Gary Herbert at Utah State University. In addition to Weinholtz, Misty Snow, the first transgender nominee from a major party to run for a U.S. Senate seat and challenger to Sen. Mike Lee, will have a booth. Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski and Utah State Senator Jim Dabakis were both invited, Bitton added.

The festival, which will be run by around 40 volunteers, is slated to begin at 9 a.m. with its last scheduled event starting at 10 p.m.

Bitton said Logan doesn’t have many similar events, and he hopes to see a lot of community members enjoy the fun, family-friendly event.

“We want to welcome everyone down and celebrate diversity and difference,” Bitton said, “and have a good time celebrating everything that makes us unique.”

The Logan Pride Festival is a program put on by the Cache Youth Resource Center, which is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about the Logan Pride Festival, visit loganpride.org

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PHOTOS FROM [Logan Pride Facebook Page](#)

In 1995, an event was held on Utah State University’s Taggart Student Center Patio called “Cache Valley Pride Day.” The event hasn’t continued since. On the right, students explore booths at the event. On the left, a woman referred to as Miss Vivian entertains the crowd.

Multiple clowns spotted on campus

By Alison Berg

NEWS STAFF WRITER

Creepy clowns have been seemingly all over the U.S. this past week, and they’ve now reached Utah State University.

The USU Police Department has received three reports of clown sightings in the last week. The names of each clown cannot be released because none were charged with criminal behavior.

The first clown sighting report was made on Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Living Learning Community. A video clip of a person dressed as a clown was posted on social media and shown to the Campus Police.

“We made contact with the individual, spoke to them about their behavior, and pointed out that their behavior was causing some concern because of what’s happening across the country,” said Steven Milne, captain of the USU Police Department.

Because the person technically wasn’t breaking any laws, the police couldn’t make an arrest or citation.

The second report was from Mountain View Tower on Tuesday around 1:30 a.m. Police were notified about 45 minutes after the sighting.

“The officers weren’t able to find anything when they got there because it was a delayed report,” Milne said.

The third report was made Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. from a USU housing staff member. The staff member said they saw a clown in the cemetery parking lot, and were concerned.

“We take all of our calls seriously, but at this point there is no criminal violation, so we are limited in what we can do,” Milne said. “However, if they do start to intrude or interrupt university events, they could possibly be facing criminal charges of disorderly conduct. We also ask those people to think twice about their behavior because it is causing concern.”

In addition to the USU reports, Logan city has also had a few reports about clown incidents, mostly online threats.

“We have seen a few threats from social media, but we are still working on investiga-

tions,” said Curtis Hooley, captain of the Logan Police Department.

One incident was reported Oct. 4 by someone at a middle school. According to the Logan City Police Department’s Facebook page, the student posed as a clown and threatened other students. The Facebook post said the student has been referred to juvenile court on two counts of Electronic Communications Harassment.

Because of the events happening around the country, several students have expressed concern.

“Some of my residents are scared because there are stories going around of clowns physically hurting people” said Gorety Ramirez, a Resident Assistant in the LLC, where one report was noted.

None of these threats have resulted in violence.

“We do respond to these calls, but it does take time on law enforcement that could be used better elsewhere, so we ask people to use their best judgement in these situations,” Milne said.

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Clowns pose for a photo. The clowns pictured are not the ones spotted on campus.

Pick your own



By **Jordan Floyd**
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Driving north along Main Street toward North Logan, Hyde Park, Smithfield and farther, you'll be sure to notice a few things to the east of the road: huge squares of agricultural land, a slew of rocky peaks north of green canyon — Naomi, Beirdneau and Cherry, to name a few — and the Sky View High School "SV" acronym painted in white on the face of the range's foothills.

What you might not notice, though, is a place that many come for solitude, relaxation and of course, hand-picked fruit.

Just south of the "SV," pressed up against the mountain range's precipice, is Mt. Naomi

Farms, a family-run business that began operating roughly six years ago. From raspberries and blackberries to corn, peaches and grapes, Mt. Naomi Farms has everything anyone looking for fall fruit could want — you just have to pick it first.

"They are way better than what you find in the grocery store," said Brenda Meikle, Mt. Naomi Farms manager. "And that's coming from a city girl. I grew up in Ogden and thought, okay, it can't be that much better — but once you do it, you're like, 'Oh, I get it.'"

Meikle says the farm allows customers to pick their own fruit — what they call the "U-Pick Experience" — because it makes buying fruit more than a simple transaction. The process follows its namesake. It's an

experience, and one, Meikle says, that may be helping farms stay relevant in the public eye.

"There was a number of reasons we started the 'U-Pick Experience,'" Meikle said. "Our land is getting developed on, and we can either be ticked off at all of our neighbors, or we can work with development and say this is why you want to keep farms here."

Cache Valley resident Lorie Manning has become familiar with the Mt. Naomi Farms experience. For her, picking fruit and spending time on the farm has served as a way to get away for a while and be to herself.

"I came for the very first time last summer; I had no idea that Cache Valley could have something this beautiful," Manning said. "You can see all around the valley, and it's peaceful.

You can think to yourself — it's cathartic."

Mt. Naomi Farms may be a place to go in Cache Valley for solitude, but it's not a bad social venue either.

Meikle and the Mt. Naomi Farms crew — which, she says, is mostly comprised of her own children — offer hayrides and pumpkin picking on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for \$5.

It's cheap, beautiful and great venue for fall festivities, Meikle says.

More information about Mt. Naomi Farms can be found on their website, mtnaomis-farms.com, or by liking them on Facebook.

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Fall dates: 10 ideas

By Selina Ramsey
STUDENT LIFE WRITER

The fields of corn, pumpkin patches and falling autumn leaves that dot Cache Valley in the fall make for a romantically picturesque season. Indeed, love is in the air and there’s no better time for a date with that certain someone who has caught your eye.

Here are some Aggie-favorite fall activities to help you plan that perfect date.

1. Take a hike
A hike through the forest when it’s dressed in red and gold makes for an intimate adventure. The trails of Logan Canyon are the perfect mediums for undistracted communication and the stunning views will take your breath away.
2. Get creative
Making something with your date is a fantastic way to get to know them and test how well your personalities jive. Peach cobbler, caramel apples and pumpkin pie are delicious go-to’s for a festive and successful fall date.
3. “Maze” I have a kiss?
Navigating one of the valley’s many corn mazes can be a great fall date, especially if you’d like to conquer the feat of hand holding. The mazes at Little Bear Bottoms or American West Heritage

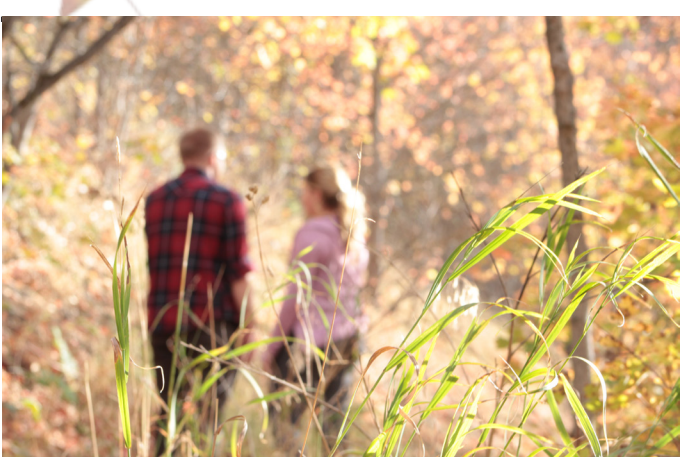


PHOTO BY Morgan Empey
A couple recently takes in the fall colors on a hike.

Center are fun and inexpensive. For an especially frightful evening, purchase combo passes for the haunted river trail or haunted hallow.

4. Have your pumpkin and eat it too
Pumpkin carving is a classic fall date that will never get old. It’s a great way to show off your creativity with some friendly competition. Keep the seeds for a roasted snack to enjoy while you bask in the glow of your jack-o-lanterns.
5. Starry Eyed
Evening fall skies in Cache Valley are unbeatable for stargazing. Brew some apple cider and snuggle up under a blanket in Green Canyon or at Lundstrom Park for a romantic night star searching.

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PHOTO BY Abby Shemkunas
The pumpkin walk will include thousands of carved pumpkins and will be held starting October 20.



PHOTO BY Abby Shemkunas
The pumpkin walk is a large attraction in North Logan, with thousands of pumpkins.

JAMS FOR FALL

By Michael Burnham
STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

Whether you’re tromping through a corn maze in the evening chill, picking vibrant leaves from the brilliant trees or cuddled in a blanket with your favorite book or significant other, fall brings out some of the nicest weather and moments of the year. It also inspires a flavor change in play-lists and music libraries.

With its ardent sunlight and nippy breezes, fall deserves a music that is like a rustic streetside coffee shop: warm, but frequently interrupted by the incisive breeze from an open door. It should dance between long-sleeve and short-sleeve, hot and cold and hint an innuendo with the coming winter.

Here are the top ten fall listening suggestions from the Aggie Radio staff and yours truly. Follow Aggieradio on Spotify and search for the playlist “Songs for Fall” to listen. Do it before November 25th when the deluge of holiday cheer is upon you.

- Aggie Radio album Playlist:**
- Dead Man’s Bones — “Dead Man’s Bones”
 - Angel Olsen — “Burn Your Fire For No Witness”
 - The Head and The Heart — “Signs of Light”
 - Fruit Bats — “Absolute Loser”
 - Morly — “Something More Holy EP”
 - Mason Jennings — “Boneclouds”
 - Radical Face — “Ghost”
 - Wye Oak — “Civilian”
 - Suffjan Stevens — “Carrie & Lowell”
 - Josiah & The Bonnevilles — “Cold Blood”

My top fall recommendation is “Time Out” by The Dave Brubeck Quartet. No other album captures the playfulness and drama of the season so well. If you’re not into jazz, check out these other 10 suggestions from the many genres in my playlist “Fall Feels.”

- Suggestions from yours truly:**
- My Morning Jacket — “The Waterfall”
 - Frédéric Chopin — “Nocturne No.1 in B flat minor Op.9 No.1”
 - Emerson, Lake and Palmer — “Trilogy”
 - Mumford & Sons — “Anything”
 - The Alan Parsons Project — “Tales of Mystery and Imagination”
 - Kings of Leon — “Revelry”
 - Young the Giant — “Young the Giant”
 - Common — “Be (Intro)”
 - The Bad Plus — “These Are The Vistas”
 - Yes — “South Side of the Sky”
- Check it out on Spotify for the full playlist. Also, the best Halloween playlist I’ve found belongs to Aaron Larsen. If you have Spotify check it out.
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Back to the basics

THE SEASON OF PUMPKIN SPICE

By Katherine Taylor
STUDENT LIFE SENIOR WRITER

Today, I, a white girl, have started a quest. A search for the origin of a meme, the beginning of an era. A search for the history of pumpkin spice. If anyone claims not to start their research with Google, they’re either over 40 or lying. Google’s Ngram Tracker can track how often any word or phrase in occurs in a written language across time. So naturally, I searched the occurrence of pumpkin spice in English over the last century, and here’s that graph (full disclosure: I added fall leaves and manipulated the color until the line was this dazzling shade of spicy pumpkin).

Here’s the story that Google Ngram is telling me: pumpkin spice burst onto the English-books scene in 1940 then promptly died only to be vengefully resurrected in 1972. It reached its peak of existence roughly sixteen years ago in 2000. Google can only track up until 2008, so we’re woefully uninformed after that point.

In 2003, the literary golden era of pumpkin spice, Starbucks introduced their seasonal latte. In a Q&A on Quora.com, former Starbucks marketer Paul Williams discussed the initial marketing of the famous drink.

“The fact it was a limited time flavor made it more attractive to customers, kept it special,” Williams wrote. “While every product manager wants their creation to be popular, no one anticipated how popular the drink would be.”

In all my searching, no one has been able to tell me when pumpkin spice lattes became a white girl cliché. But Twitter can tell me that it hasn’t stopped yet.

For Kaity Maines, who has worked as a barista both at Starbucks and the University of Utah, that stereotype has been confirmed by her experiences.



PHOTO BY Katherine Taylor
Students are often found at places like Starbucks for a pumpkin spice beverage and homework.

“I personally have only made one pumpkin spice latte so far this season, but I’m sure it will increase as it gets cooler outside,” Maines said. “The type of people that buy pumpkin spice lattes, I’ve seen, tend to be late teens to early twenties and women.”

Maines is also probably the first person this year to say that they are indifferent to pumpkin spice in any regard.

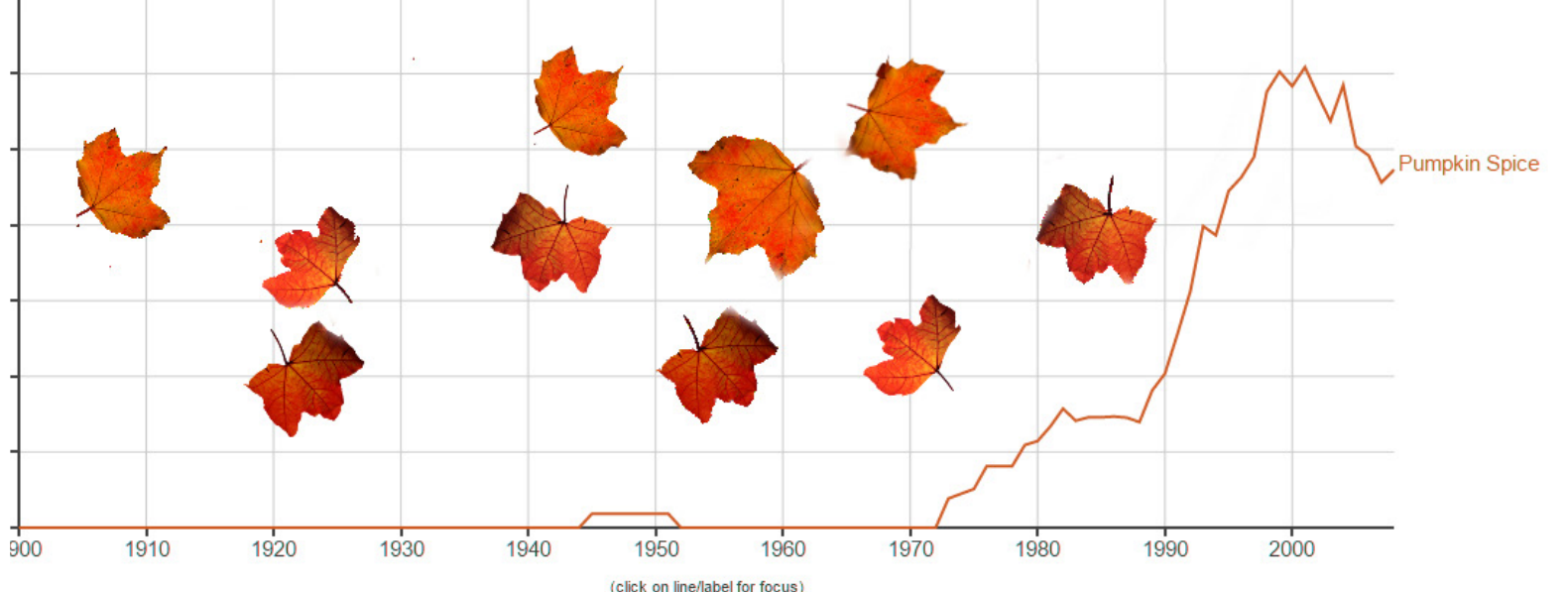
“PSLs don’t take any more work than a vanilla latte, at least at the cafe I work in,” she said. “Therefore I’m just indifferent to making them.”

Based on the side of the internet I’ve seen today and the dozens of mean pumpkin tweets I’ve read, I’m willing to call this a happy note, some closure to end on. Do you hear me, internet?

One barista is still indifferent to making the pumpkin spice latte. That’s all I can offer you in terms of unique research. I’m exhausted.

And if I’m being honest, I’m not afraid to refuse on pumpkin-laced caffeine. If you think that’s cliché, look into my eyes. See the nutmeg, cinnamon and allspice dancing behind them. Look upon me, pumpkin-spice-white-girl jokers and see that this was wrought by your own hand.

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Course corrections

Aggies seek first conference win on the road in Ft. Collins

By Taylor Emerson
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Utah State is now 0-2 against undefeated conference heavyweights Boise State and Air Force – preseason picks for the best in the Mountain West.

The Aggies sit at 2-3 overall after Saturday night’s 21-10 loss to the Broncos. A week and some change before that, Utah State was defeated 27-20 by the Falcons in front of a home crowd.

Head coach Matt Wells and company now find themselves amongst the longest of longshots to win the Mountain Division, let alone a chance at hoisting the MW championship trophy in December. At this point, Wells’ sole focus is on becoming bowl eligible for the sixth straight year.

That task begins with Colorado State.

It is a little discouraging to call a third conference game a must-win, but here we are, in the meat of the schedule and a win would certainly help shorten the road to redemption. The challenge actually begins with the Aggies themselves.

To date, Utah State has committed 34 penalties for 258 yards lost, with an average of seven flags and 52 discipline yards per game. To add to that, the team has not quite performed up to par on third downs, converting on a total 35 of 83 attempts. But let’s not even mention a red zone offense which has left a staggering 52 points off the scoreboard.

The offensive woes for Utah State have

surfaced since the loss of ace running back Devante Mays. Since his departure in the USC matchup, Kent Myers’ number has been called 124 times, a stark comparison to the 56 attempts he had prior.

A big key against the Rams will be the tenacious defense that Wells has in his back pocket. Utah State has accumulated five sacks and six turnovers on the season and ranks out to be the second best overall defense in the conference.

That effort has been led by linebacker Anthony Williams with 37 tackles, a forced fumble and a lone sack. Just behind him is fellow ‘backer Brock Carmen, who has 30 wrap-ups and two sacks to his name.

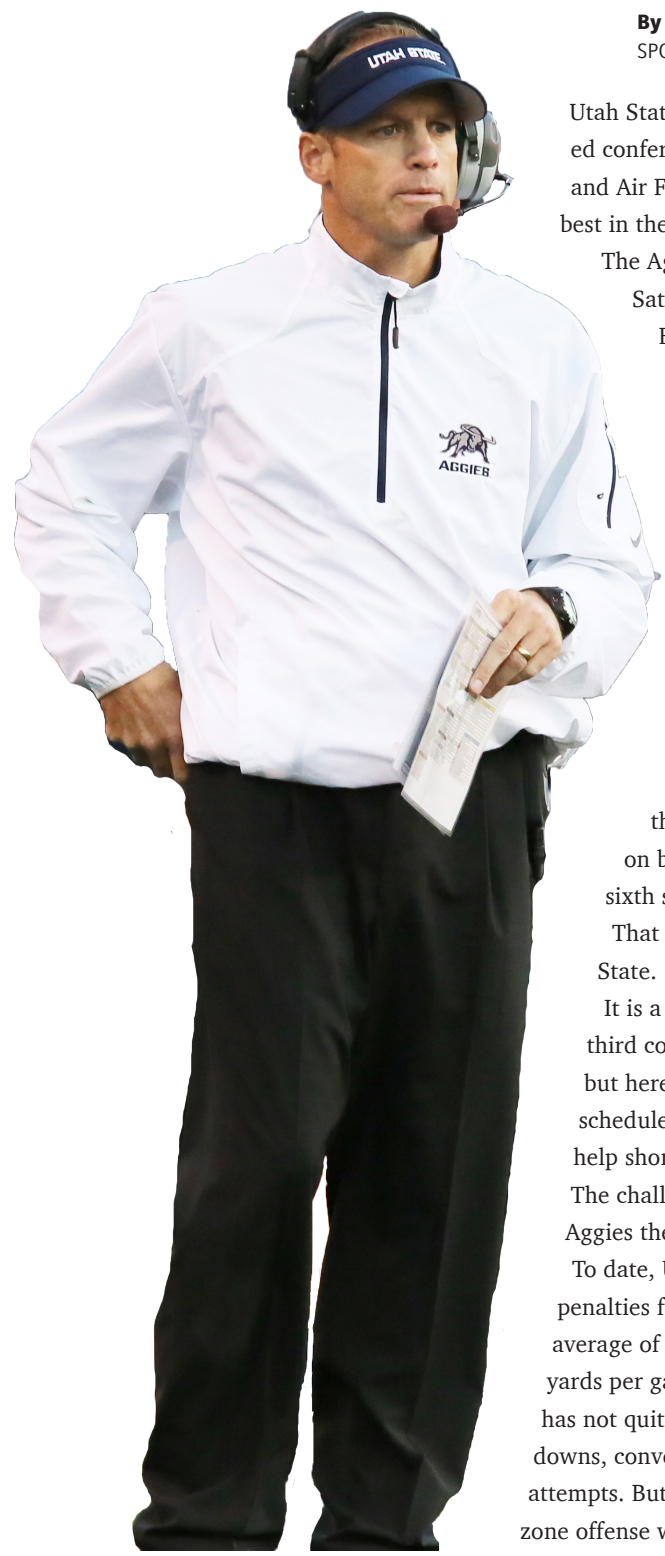
However, if Colorado State can force the Aggies up against the wall, the defense will break. Utah State scores out to be the second worst in the red zone defense, surrendering 15 of 16 attempts for points.

The Rams definitely have the ability to move the ball, and move it with ease. The offense that calls Colorado home has been churning out nearly 400 yards per game, 23 points per game and has a 5.5 yards per play average.

The Aggies certainly have some housekeeping to do prior to kickoff, and if they fail once again, they may have to kiss bowl eligibility goodbye. Kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m.

MT and will be televised on CBS Sports Network.

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Column: The MLB playoffs are perfect

By Daniel Hansen
STAFF WRITER

The MLB playoffs are starting. The words ring out like an alarm bell. Immediately, millions of viewers tune in to find out what exactly happened in 162 games over the past five months. They are then treated to an immaculate display of tension, excitement, agony, and euphoria that few other sports can aspire to. Playoff baseball is, in and of itself, perfect. You may argue with that, but you’d be arguing in vain. Watch several games this year

and you’ll have a perfect understanding of just how perfect it is.

Last year’s playoffs were unbelievable. I won’t go much into that, as writing everything that transpired in last year’s playoffs would take longer than the actual playoffs themselves. But suffice it to say that if these year’s playoffs are even half as good, it is must-watch TV for any and every sports fan.

It all starts Tuesday night with the Toronto Blue Jays and Baltimore Orioles facing off in the AL Wild Card game. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with MLB’s playoff format, the Wild Card games are now their version of

steel cage deathmatch. One game. Winner moves on. Loser goes home. It’s a cruel punishment for two teams that just finished playing 162 games, but it makes for terrific television. In this case, we have two teams who are already great for television. The Blue Jays and Orioles sport two of the best offenses in all of baseball. The Blue Jays already treated us to spectacular playoff moments last year while the Orioles hit the most home runs in the MLB, 25 more than the team in second place.

The NL Wild Card isn’t about to be outdone. A pitching duel awaits between the New York Mets and San Francisco Giants. Noah Syndergaard of the Mets vs. Madison Bumgarner of the Giants. Syndergaard’s nickname is Thor, partly for the luscious locks that adorn his head and partly for the fact that his fastball can only be described by Norse mythology. Madison Bumgarner once saved a rabbit that had been eaten by a snake and nursed the rabbit back to full health. That has nothing to do with baseball, but it’s freaking awesome. Plus, he’s actually a really good pitcher, too, striking out the fourth most batters in the MLB. They’re third and fourth amongst all pitchers in ERA. This won’t be a high-scoring game, but it will be a pitching clinic. And it will be amazing.

Waiting for the winners of the two Wild Cards are the Texas Rangers in the AL and Chicago Cubs in the NL. The Rangers are full of talent all over the field, and even added more at the trade deadline. Their roster almost reads like an All-Star team, with a terrific variety of veterans and young guys. Cole Hamels and Yu Darvish hold down the rotation while the lineup features new additions like Jonathan Lucroy and Carlos Beltré on top of Adrian Beltré, Joey Gallo and others.

You’ve probably heard a little bit about the Cubs. The Cubs have no weakness on their roster, which is why fivethirtyeight.com gives them a 26% chance to win the World Series. You’ve still got Jake Arrieta, Jon Lester, and Kyle Hendricks in the rotation. You’ve also got Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo, Addison Russell and a whole slew of other quality bats and fielders. Believe me when I say the Cubs would love nothing more than to send Davis ‘Grandpa’ Ross into retirement with a World Series.

There’s still two series the playoffs have to offer us here in the first round. The Boston Red Sox and the Cleveland Indians will clash in the AL while the Washington Nationals and Los Angeles Dodgers square off in the NL. The Red Sox, led by MVP candidate Mookie Betts and future Hofer David Ortiz may pose the greatest risk to the Cubs’ hopes of ending their World Series drought. The Indians have one of the best rotations in all of baseball, showcasing such stars as Corey Kluber and Carlos Carrasco, who will try to shut down the Red Sox potent offense. The Nationals will be relying on Bryce Harper, David Murphy and Max Scherzer to lead them to the World Series. To do so, they’ll have to get by the Dodgers, led by perhaps the best pitcher in baseball, Clayton Kershaw, flanked by Rich Hill.

The next month is going to be the epitome of what baseball can be. The tension. The excitement. The agony. The euphoria.

It’s October.

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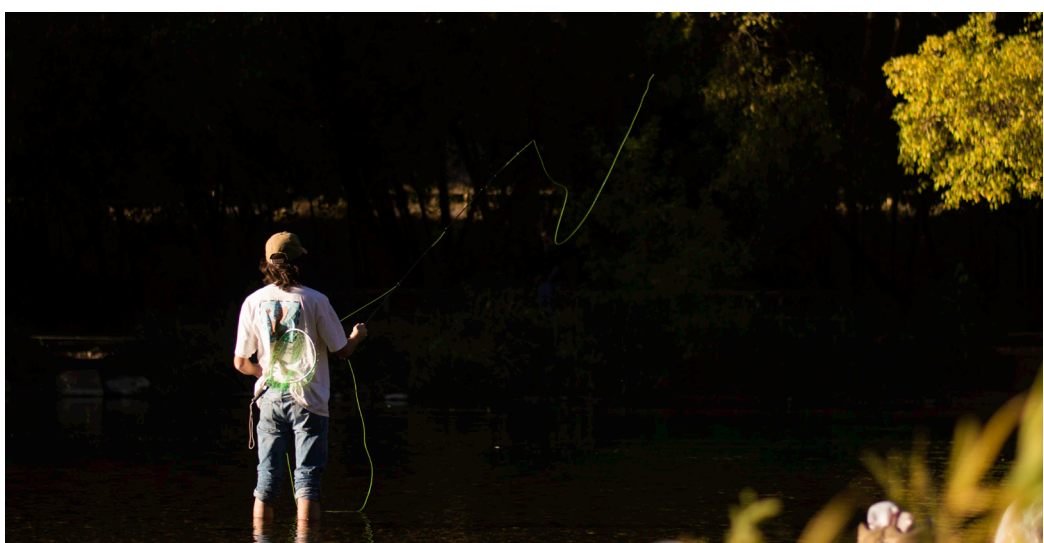
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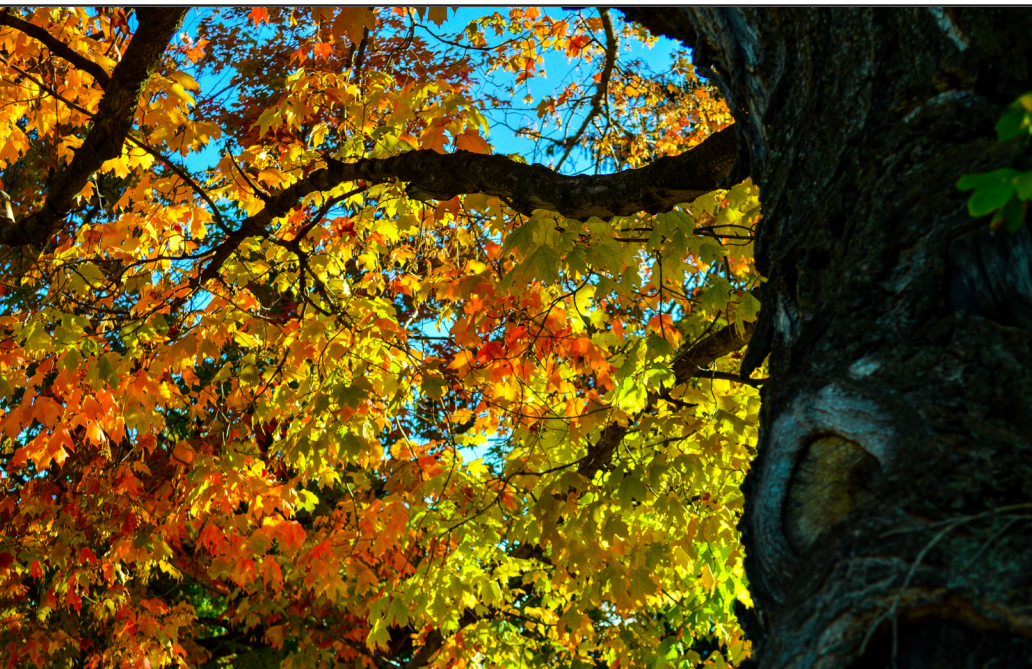
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An open letter to you clowns



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Clowns have been terrorizing people around the country, and are now showing up in Utah.

Everyone hates you. Literally. Your presence on college campuses, in the state of Utah and on everyone's Twitter feed, is unwelcome the way a hairy spider is unwelcome in the

shower. Of all the superficial, uninspiring attempts at humor made possible by unoriginal trolls grasping at straws on the internet within the past calendar year, you clowns are the absolute worst. I would take four more years of crying Jordan riding Harambe over ten more seconds of dull clown memes.

Nobody is with you on this — you're lame. The percentage of the population considering your antics in any way humorous is limited to high schoolers in desperate need of a personality before Thanksgiving break. We're already pushing our allotment of amateurish self-important comedians here in Utah by allowing Studio C's ridiculous existence.

Clowns suck.

You're unwittingly begging those dudes who squat heavy weights in the Aggie Recreation Center til closing time to shove your constant thirst for attention into a maintenance closet. I personally don't advocate extrajudicial punishment for crimes, but if I were to pass an average-looking student beating the crap out of a clown near the quad with a heavy boot, I'd offer that heroic student my pair of worn-out Nikes as backups for when that boot eventually loses its usefulness, and I would proudly show up to class utterly shoeless.

I know you're hoping for some super dope

Go-Pro footage of students getting scared walking through the Logan cemetery. I get that you essentially live for trash-talking strangers in the YouTube comments section. I understand you have very little going on in life right now. What you need to understand is this campus of ours is full of cowboys sporting open carry permits.

The appearance of clowns throughout the nation is now the number one thing I hate about 2016, which is frankly a baffling feat. I'm going to have to let the obvious joke about the two clowns currently running for president slide here, because instead of spending an appropriate amount of time and energy on our country's troubling political discourse, we now face a more immediate issue.

We're about to witness roughly a thousand douchebags dressed as clowns at this year's Howl terrorize the thousand unsuspecting freshmen girls dressed as Harley Quinn, probably by twerking because I bet they still think that's funny too.

Stop trying to make the clown thing happen. The moment you jump around that kitchen corner in full clown costume to scare your roommate is the moment I hope you get your funny red nose bashed in with a toaster.

The Trump and Clinton debate

Democrats ★★★ Libertarians ★★★ Republicans

Early on, the debate was even, but Clinton was eventually able to get Trump off message, and clearly became the winner.

Trump had a big opportunity to capitalize on his recent momentum across the country, but fell flat on the big stage. Anyone could tell he was not prepared, and seemed very flustered throughout the debate. He was constantly sipping water, sniffing, and had a problem staying on message. Clinton seemed prepared for every attack Trump had, including her support of the Iraq war. She called him out for also supporting it, which he did. An odd attack that Trump made was Clinton's preparedness for the debate, to which she responded "You know what else I did? I prepared to be President." This was a highlight for the Clinton campaign, and one of many odd topics brought up by Trump. Trump took the bait on every issue Clinton brought up. Trump's "birther" issue (in which he only recently admitted Obama was born in the U.S.), was something he dwelled on for too long during the debate, which only hurt him in the process.

Trump's inexperience in the political arena was certainly exposed last Monday night. Instead of focusing on topics in which he draws a lot of support from (job creation, economic stimulation, trade), he spent far too much of his time essentially running a smear campaign on Clinton, and talking about non-issues. Clinton was able to capitalize on this, and made solid points about her experience and ability to run the country.

Clinton won this debate — and it wasn't close. The average of national polls say that 62% of voters thought Clinton won, compared to just 27% for Trump. Trump's momentum in the polls, including crucial swing states, was stopped as a result of the debate. Clinton's numbers in states like Pennsylvania, Florida, Virginia, and Colorado all went up, and she is now up 48%-43% nationally. The debate showed how prepared Hillary Clinton is to be president, and how ill-prepared her opponent is. The same can be expected in the next debate — Trump will once again be exposed for the fraud that he is.

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Over 80 million Americans watched the recent debate between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton—two of the most unpopular candidates in U.S. history. According to a study by Fivethirtyeight, Clinton’s strongly unfavorable rating is at least 5 percentage points worse than any democratic candidate from 1980 to now. The same study found that voters dislike Trump even more; his strongly unfavorable rating is 20 percentage points higher than any other republican candidate over the same time period.

budget. Before running for governor, Johnson created one of the largest construction companies in New Mexico. If Americans are so unhappy with the two major party nominees, why was Johnson, who polled as high as 13% not invited to the debate?

To be invited to the presidential debates this election season, The Commission on Presidential Debates decided a candidate needs to appear on enough ballots to feasibly win the election and poll at an average of at least 15% in five selected national polls. Johnson came closer to reaching 15% than any other

Liberals have this notion that taxing the wealthy more than everyone else is fair and not doing so is favoring only the upper class. Many could look at this point of view as discrimination and being unfair as most of those at the top of the economy earned their way there as well as help out those intake middle, working and lower classes due to the fact that they are the ones who are providing their employment.

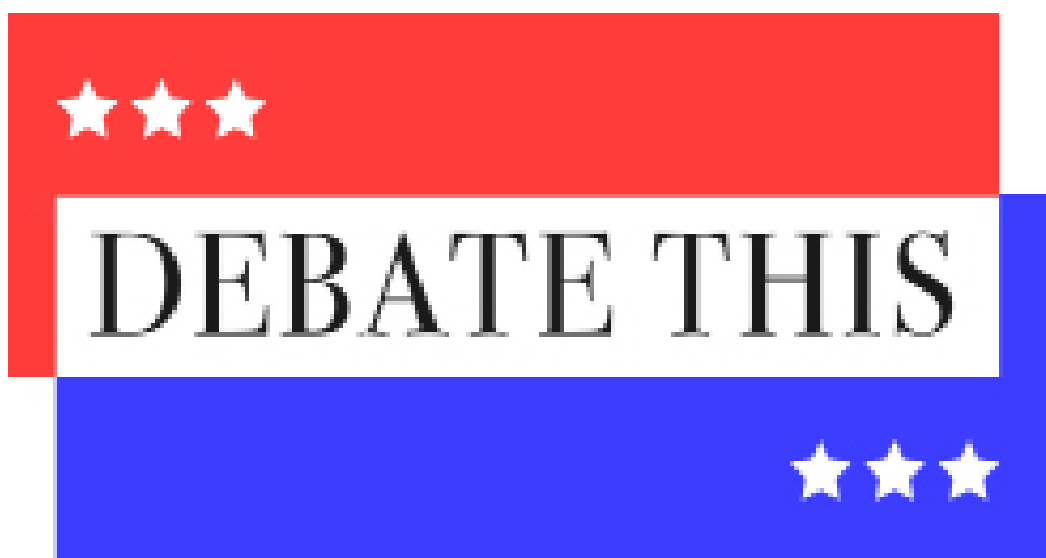
Clinton brought up the importance of small businesses and yes they are very important, but do small business owners always want to stay small business owners? Once their business grows and they move up in classification do we then tax them more just because they have been successful in creating jobs and helping the economy? We fix the economy not by raising taxes but by growing it from the bottom up. Providing a higher tax rate for big business will give them less money which will result in less jobs, decreased production and eventual failure in their company and subsequently the economy. This is the perspective Trump has and was probably his strongest point in the whole debate.

Most of the nation viewed that debate with must disgust on behalf of both candidates as most of their gab was back and for bicker. Both sides did not act in a professional manner and focused more on defeating one another than revealing to the American people just how they are going to benefit the country. It has been said by many that in the upcoming debates they would like to see Trump be more civil and Clinton be less robotic as well as hear more about what both are going to do to help unify and provide increased equality in our country as well as what makes them the better choice for protecting our country for ISIS and other threats.

We deserve a president who can act professional in official situations and not create the imagery of two five year olds arguing whose toys are the coolest. In order to benefit our nation both candidates need to step up and grow up.

— Colton Brown truly loves our country and the constitution. His dream as a child was to become a Pokémon master and now it has evolved to become a published author instead.

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When voting for president, many feel they have to choose between the lesser of two evils. What most Americans do not realize is that there are many other candidates running for president, including Gary Johnson (Libertarian Party), Jill Stein (Green Party), Darrell Castle (Constitution Party), and Utah native Evan McMullin (Independent).

If you listened to the debate and found you agreed with both candidates on some of the issues and yet you were dissatisfied with either candidate's proposed policies, the odds are you may be a libertarian. During the debate, you might have asked, "Is there no happy medium?" To answer you: yes, there is. Libertarians believe the government should have a limited role in our lives; they want "minimum government and maximum freedom." This means they are fiscally conservative and socially liberal, subscribing to the motto "live and let live."

The Libertarian nominee for president, Gary Johnson, was a Republican governor in New Mexico from 1995-2003. He lowered taxes 14 times and left the state with a balanced

third-party candidate — averaging 8.4% in the selected polls.

A USA Today/Suffolk University Poll found 76% of likely voters think if a candidate is on a majority of state ballots, he should be included in the debates. If this were the case, Johnson would have been invited since he is on all 50 states' ballots. In response to the debate, Johnson wrote an op-ed outlining what his presidency would look like. He mentions some of his priorities would be decreasing government spending, facilitating immigration, promoting free trade, and ending unnecessary foreign interventions.

As long as the criteria prevent third-party candidates from joining the debate, the winner of every debate will be the polarizing two-party system. The losers will be the American people who are denied the opportunity to hear voices of reason like Gary Johnson.

— Jacob Caldwell is an economics major preparing to attend dental school. He wrote this piece to let liberty loving women of USU know he is still single.
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| HackUState 2016 USU Taggart Student Center Ballroom Free, 9 a.m. | Corn Maze on the Farm American West Heritage Center \$6, 4 p.m. | Logan Film Festival The Block Film & Art Festival \$45, 5 p.m. | Haunted Hollow American West Heritage Center \$9-\$12. See above for details., 7:30 p.m. |
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

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